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said housing in such a manner as to enable said closure panel means to be positioned in covering relation to said key switches with said display means and said array facing away from said key switches and to enable pivoting said closure panel means away from said housing to provide access to said key switches, while still leaving said display means and said array interfaced to said computer means.

REMARKS:

The remarks accompanying the amendment after final in the parent application are incorporated and reiterated herein.

The independent claims 1, 12 and 20 have also been amended hereby to change the term "transparent membrane switch array" to the more generic "transparent data entry array" since not all transparent data entry overlays include switches.


Please find enclosed an advertisement from the March 29, 1993 issue of USA Today, promoting a new NEC "Ultralite Versa" notebook computer which includes a reversible cover with one side incorporating a flat panel display and a transparent data entry array. This is simply being provided as evidence of the commercial viability and the non-obvious nature of the applicant's invention.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number in the event it is felt the prosecution of this application can be expedited thereby.

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